

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 2, 2007

DEPARTMENT: FIRE AND RESCUE

DIRECTOR: CHIEF DAVID WASHINGTON

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion**

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the city of Las Vegas and Clark County Fire Department for members of Las Vegas Fire & Rescue to join the National Urban Search and Rescue (US & R) Task Force - All Wards

Fiscal Impact



No Impact



Augmentation Required



Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The members of Las Vegas Fire & Rescue wish to join the National Urban Search and Rescue (US & R) Task Force, currently under the responsibility of Clark County. This organization is associated with the Department of Homeland Security Agency (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Various Las Vegas Fire & Rescue employees would be trained and be responsible to deploy to a task force activation. All payments are made through the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) and the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA).

RECOMMENDATION:

Las Vegas Fire & Rescue recommends approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Memorandum of Agreement
2. Submitted at meeting – Revised Memorandum of Agreement

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve as amended

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BRENDA J. WILLIAMS, LARRY BROWN, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON,
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: A previous motion by Reese for reconsideration rescinded the initial motion by Goodman for abeyance to 5/16/2007. Both motions carried unanimously.

NOTE: Approval of this matter was subsequently rescinded under Item 70 of the 5/16/2007 City Council meeting.

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Minutes:

CLAUDETTE ENUS, Director of Human Resources, appeared with DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF EUGENE CAMPBELL and stated that three provisions were inadvertently omitted from the Memorandum of Understanding between Clark County Fire Department and City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue. These three provisions provided workers compensation coverage for City of Las Vegas employees if they were deployed, as well as provide for the definition of sanction training. A corrected version was presented to the City Clerk, as well as the City Council. The provisions are on Page Three, Sections G, H and I.

CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC explained that Section 2 has new Subsections G, H and I. In Section 3, the existing provision B is deleted and new Sections B and C are added.

MAYOR GOODMAN felt it was unfair for the City Council to vote on something that was submitted at the last moment. Therefore, he opted to hold this matter in abeyance for two weeks.

During the afternoon session of the City Council the item was recalled, and MS. ENUS reiterated the omissions to the Memorandum of Understanding. MAYOR GOODMAN indicated he was advised by the City Attorney's Office that this item is time sensitive. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT advised that the item would need to be reconsidered, as it was abeyed during the morning session of the City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN REESE stated he had not had an opportunity to review the changes. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT replied that the only changes were to Sections G, H and I, which represented payment of workers compensation.

